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Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 11, 2003** (hereinafter "Office Action") please amend the above-identified application (hereinafter "Application") as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 9** of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on **page 12** of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 13** of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures, the article, Hirabayashi et al., "Novel Galactose-binding Proteins in Annelida," *J. Biol. Chem.* 273 (23): 14450-14460, 1998, and the references filed with an IDS in the prior application USSN 08/881,189, is attached following **page 20** of this paper.